

# Memorial Day 2004

*Friends, families honor veterans at N.M. Veterans' Memorial*

Photos by Dennis Carlson



Chief master sergeants from Kirtland AFB lower the American flag to half-staff during the Memorial Day ceremony at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Park before raising it again.



Traditional bagpipe selections by the Ballut Abyad Shrine Pipe Band were part of the Memorial Day ceremony at New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Park on Louisiana Boulevard.



TOP LEFT—Carmen Lopez represents the American Gold Star Mothers during a wreath ceremony, part of Memorial Day ceremonies at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park on Louisiana Boulevard near Kirtland AFB. The Gold Star Mothers organization is made up of mothers who have lost sons and daughters in military service during times of war. Assisting Mrs. Lopez are Army Lt. Col. John Cooksey (left) and Staff Sgt. Richard Watson (right).

TOP RIGHT—Families and friends, including the daughter of Richard Kirsling, remembered their lost loved ones who served in past wars in service to America.

ABOVE—American Legion Post 49 performed a 21-gun rifle salute during the Memorial Day ceremony at the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Park just outside Kirtland AFB.

LEFT—Military members' service is remembered by families, friends and organizations with plaques displayed on the wall of the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial Park.